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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

BAR-OR et al.

Serial No.: 09/678,202

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Atty. File No.: 4172-3

For: "METAL-BINDING COMPOUNDS
AND USES THEREFOR"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SHERIDAN ROSS P.C.

BY: *[Signature]*

Dear Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claims 59-84, 86-104, 106-108, 110-112, 114-116, 118-139, 141-162, 164-185, 211-233, 235-237, 239-241, 243-264, 266-287, 312-331, 333-351, and 353-374.

In Claims 21, 25-27, 32, and 56, delete "Claims 1-20" and substitute therefor -Claim 1-.

In Claims 206 and 208, delete "Claims 186-205" and substitute therefor -Claim 186-.

In Claims 307 and 309, delete "Claims 288-306" and substitute therefor -Claim 288-.

REMARKS

The above amendments are being made solely for the purpose of reducing the filing fees. After the above amendments, the total number of claims is 120, the number of independent claims is 19, and there are no multiple dependent claims. Thus, the total small entity filing fees are \$1,960.

Respectfully submitted,

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